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Storage Enclosure

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RESPONSE

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, please consider the following remarks: